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Draft report

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Chapter ____
Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its fourteenth session on 22 April 2005 and from 1 to 12 May 2006. The Commission held ____ meetings, as well as a number of informal meetings and associated activities and events.

2. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2006, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs opened the meeting and addressed the Commission.

B. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 22 April 2005, the Commission elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman:
Aleksi **Aleksishvili** (Georgia)

Vice-Chairmen:
Javad **Amin-Mansour** (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Adrian **Fernandez Bremauntz** (Mexico)
Yvo **de Boer** (Netherlands)

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4. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2006, the Commission elected Azanaw Tadesse **Abreha** (Ethiopia) as Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission agreed that Yvo **de Boer** (Netherlands) would also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Abreha (Ethiopia) presided as Acting Chairman and read out the opening statement of the Chairman (Georgia).

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 2nd meeting, on 1 May 2006, following statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group and the Caribbean Community) and Cuba, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/2006/1 and approved its organization of work, as contained in annex I of the same document. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2006-2007 — review session:
   (a) Energy for sustainable development;
   (b) Industrial development;
   (c) Air pollution/atmosphere;
   (d) Climate change.
4. Other matters.
5. Provisional agenda for the fifteenth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fourteenth session.

8. At the same meeting, the Commission heard presentations by the following on the outcomes of intersessional events: Zhang Yishan, Deputy Permanent Representative of China, on the outcomes of the Symposium on Hydropower and Sustainable Development and the 2005 Beijing International Renewable Energy Conference; Ellen Von Zitzewitz of the Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, on the outcome of the 2004 Bonn International Conference on Renewable Energy; Ton Boon von Ochssee, Ambassador for Sustainable Development of the Netherlands, on the outcome of the Energy for Development Conference; Cheng Shuifeng, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office of Jiang Xi Province of China, on the outcome of the International Symposium on Integrated Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals; Ricardo Ulate, Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica, on the outcome of the Second International Meeting on Sustainable Consumption and Production; Sharon Lee Smith, Director-General of the Climate Change International Directorate of Environment of Canada, on the outcome of the United Nations Climate Change Conference; Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Permanent Representative of Qatar, on the outcome of the International Symposium on Natural Gas and Sustainable Development; Jamal Saghir, World Bank Director for Energy and Water, on the outcome of the World Bank Energy Week; Yashar Aliyev,

Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan, on the outcome of the Baku Symposium on Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Development: energy efficiency initiatives and achievements in the Caspian Sea region; Siddharta Behura, of the Ministry of Environment of India, on the outcome of the Workshop on Climate Change and Sustainable Development: an international workshop to strengthen research and understanding; and Elsa du Toit, Hydropower Director, Energy Efficiency of South Africa, on the outcome of the African Ministerial Conference on Hydropower and Sustainable Development.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia and Montenegro; and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) country Norway and members of the European Economic Area), Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Zambia (on behalf of the African Group), the Russian Federation and China. Statements were also made by the observers for South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guyana on behalf of the Rio Group (Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)) and Indonesia.

10. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 May 2006, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

11. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Environment Programme on the outcome of the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

12. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on Mountain Partnerships.

13. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Algeria, Australia, Canada, Japan, Israel, Serbia and Montenegro, the United States of America, Pakistan, Italy, Mexico and Brazil, as well as the observers for the United Republic of Tanzania, Iceland, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Central American Integration System), Turkey, India, Kuwait, Switzerland, South Africa, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

D. Attendance

14. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies as well as observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants will be issued in document E/CN.17/2006/INF/1.